THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (f) D.D.A. has reported that some cases of misuse have been noticed. During routine inspections by the field staff, it was noticed that an establishment by the name of M/s Nihal Gas Service is operating its office in Flat No. 149, Pocket-D, Mayur Vihar, Phase-II. As soon as the fact of misuse came to notice, a show-cause notice for violation of terms of allotment/lease was issued. Simultaneously, action under Section 29(2) of the D.D. Act has also been initiated. No complaint/representation against M/s Nihal Gas Service, Flat No. 149, Pocket-D, Mayur Vihar, Phase-II has been received.

Shortage of drinking water in Delhi

8455. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the steep shortage of drinking water in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether water purification plants in Delhi are insufficient and the existing plants are over utilised;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government in consultation with the State Government of Delhi propose to formulate strategy to meet the shortage of water in Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. At present, 575 MGD water is being supplied from the existing plants/Ranney Wells/Tubewells against the demand of 750 MGD.

(d) and (e) The Yamuna water accord has been signed by the Riparian States on 12.5.94. Upper Yamuna River Board has also been constituted to regulate the flows to the different States according to the Accord signed.

नेहरू रोजगार योजना के अंतर्गत धनराशियों का दुरुपयोग किया जाना

8456. श्री जगेश्वर मिश्र : क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि उन दिशानिर्देशों का घोर उल्लंघन किया जा रहा है जिनके अधीन नेहरु रोजगार योजना के अंतर्गत केन्द्र द्वारा राज्य सरकारों को धनराशि उपलब्ध करायी जाती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इसकी पुनर्वृत्ति को रोकने के लिए कोई ठोस कदम उठाये हैं, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० के० थुंगन) : (क) से (ग) शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय अक्तूबर, 1989 से देशभर में नेहरु रोजगार योजना (एन आर बाई) का कार्यान्वयन कर रहा है जिसका उद्देश्य गरीबी रेखा के नीचे रहने वाले शहरी निर्धनों के लिए स्वरोजगार सृजन करना और मजदूरी रोजगार अवसर प्रदान करना है । यह मंत्रालय नीति बनाता है और योजना के तहत विभिन्न स्कीमों के क्रियान्वयन हेतु व्यापक मार्गनिर्देश जारी करता है और राज्य सरकारों को सहायता भी देता है । योजना के क्रियान्वयन का उत्तरदायित्व मुख्यत: राज्य सरकारों का है । जब भी किसी अनियमितता या मार्गनिर्देशों के उल्लंघन का कोई मामला

इस मंत्रालय के ध्यान में लाया जाता है तो यह मंत्रालय दोषी राज्य को दोषनिवारक कार्रवाई करने के लिए तत्काल लिखता है ।

Scarcity of Potable water in Rajasthan

3457. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Indian Express' ,dated the 9th May, 1995 under the caption "Where people work as bonded labour for water";

(b) if so, whether water scarcity is the major problem of all the remote villages of Western Rajasthan, including Jodhpur, Barmer and Jaisalmer;

(c) if so, whether Government ever contemplated and/or implemented plans to alleviate the sufferings and miseries of the people of the said areas on account of non-availability of potable water; and

(d) if so, the broad details thereof and if not, the reasons for this collousness on the part of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No such report has been received from the Govt. of Rajasthan. However, during extreme hot climate particularly in summer the conditions in Western Rajasthan including Jodhpur, Barmer and Jaisalmer, drinking water problems are faced in the remote vilalges.

(c) and (d) There are 37889 villages in the State as per 1991 census. Prior to the 1994 survey, all except 13 remote villages were reported to have been provided safe drinking water facilities partially or fully. The actual achievement in 1994-95 was 3054 habitations against the target of 2400. out of the total rural population of 339.39 lakh, 204.12 lakh was reported as covered upto 31.3.95. This includes 55.23 lakh SCs and 31.77 lakh of ST's.

During the last 13 Years from VI Plan to 1994-95 the total amount spent in Rural Water Supply Sector under State MNP is Rs. 517.92 crores. In addition Rs. 569.21 crore was provided by the Central Govt. as assistance under ARWSP.

In 1991-92, special assistance of Rs. 25.15 crore was given to the State Govt. for accelerating the coverage of problem villages and Rs. 6 crores for drinking water supply to SC population in Dhanis. As such adequate Central assisance is being provided to the State Govt. of Rajasthan for tackling the problem of drinking water supply in the State. In the DDP area schemes are approved at 70 litres per capita per day (lpcd), including 30 lpcd to meet the drinking water requirement of cattle.

NBCCL signed MOU with Germany Organisations

3458. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Building Construction Corporation Limited had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with some German organisations in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background;

(c) whether the MOU will help the progress of country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir.